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Maine Campus

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Bill would increase UMaine funds

by Dan Warren

While Governor Longley recently has been advocating a plan which would let students use state grants to attend private colleges, there is at least one politician in Augusta who wants the money to go where she says it's needed most—the University of Maine.

State Rep. Mary Najarian (D-Portland) has filed the title of a bill that would abolish a private college-oriented program which is scheduled to receive some \$1 million during the next two years. Najarian

said the State Tuition Equalization Program (STEP) which provides state funds to send needy students to Maine private colleges, should be abolished so that money could be used to help the University out of its "present financial predicament. The bill should come before the legislature by "the end of February," Najarian said.

The \$1 million scheduled to go to private school students over the next two years would be more appreciated at the University of Maine than at private schools, Najarian said.

"Over the next few years, this money (from STEP) could be a big help to the University," Najarian said, "while it wouldn't mean as much for the private colleges. For them, it would just be a drop in the bucket."

Najarian quickly emphasized that she doesn't consider herself "an enemy" of private colleges. "In fact," she said, private schools should receive legislative support too. But, not at the expense of the university.

"It would be nice to subsidize both public and private education," she said, "if we had a lot of money. And if we could fund them adequately. But," she added,

"Maine can't afford to support 17 private colleges and our university at the same time and do it well."

"I feel we have a responsibility to the public university," she said this week in a telephone interview with the *Maine Campus*. "The University of Maine helps more Maine families than private colleges do, so I think (the legislature) should concentrate the funding there."

While Najarian admits her bill will face "some tough sledding" among her fellow legislators, she said its chances for passage "look good."

"So far, the reaction (in the legislature) has been mixed," Najarian said, "But, I think overall it's been pretty favorable. The image of the university down here has improved over the last year, I think."

The university's belt-tightening moves have been responsible for their improved image at the statehouse, Najarian said.

"The legislature has perceived that the university is making a strong effort to cut the fat on their campuses," Najarian said. "And the legislature is realizing that any cuts they make now will be in the meat."

Najarian said her proposal is drawing support from unexpected places. "By and

large," Najarian said, "I've been surprised to see that legislators affiliated with private colleges seem to agree" that the aid-to-private-colleges program should be abolished. "Of course, people from the private institutions will also lobby strongly against it (the Najarian bill)," she said.

Najarian said that at this point, she has been unable to gauge accurately the legislative reaction to Longley's competing voucher system proposal, also expected to face the legislature this winter. A spokesman for Longley said it is "premature" to predict the success of either the voucher or the Najarian proposal. He declined comment on the specifics of Najarian's bill "until it appears in its final form."

Super-U Chancellor Patrick McCarthy said it would not be "wise" for McCarthy to discuss the Najarian proposal until he is more familiar with its details.

Najarian said her bill stands a better chance of passage since she has not urged immediate abolition of STEP. "It's politically wiser for the University of Maine if I don't (advocate immediate abolition of STEP)," Najarian said, "Because to cut STEP now would leave students presently in the program hanging."



Unconfirmed reports say that Stucco Lodge will lose their honorary Super-U branch status this month when Gov. Longley cuts the sign out of their campus budget...[Photo by Russ McKnight]

Longley proposes \$1.5 million bill for in-state voucher scholarships

by Jim Sloan

A \$1.5 million voucher scholarship plan which would allow Maine high school graduates who receive state grants to attend any post-secondary school in Maine is in final draft form and should be ready for printing within two weeks, according to a member of Gov. Longley's legislative staff.

Ann Tare said this week that the voucher proposal should be submitted to the Legislative Research Office in Augusta within two weeks.

Tare said the bill, developed by the State Department of Educational and Cultural

Services at Longley's request, is being reviewed by the Governor's staff, but doesn't have a sponsor in the legislature yet.

Longley has allocated \$1.5 million for the program in his proposed state budget.

Generally, a voucher system is one in which a student is awarded credit to use at whatever college or university he chooses to attend. The school then submits the student's voucher to the state agency administering the program and is reimbursed for the amount of the award.

According to Wayne Ross, director of higher education services and a principle

author of the proposal, the program would award money to approximately 800 students in the state. The size of the voucher, he said, would be determined by the individual's financial need, scholastic ability and the cost of the institution the student wishes to attend.

The voucher program would absorb the current State Tuition Equalization Program (STEP) which awards over \$5 million annually to financially needy students attending private Maine colleges. Because the new program will make vouchers available to students attending public institutions as well as private schools in Maine, it fulfills the requirements of the State Student Incentive Grant Program and will be eligible to receive up to \$220,000 in funds from that federally-funded program.

In a recent news conference, Gov. Longley indicated that the value of the program would be in giving the student more of a choice in where he will continue his post-secondary education.

"If he or she is admitted to all the schools in the state, and if he or she wants the university—wonderful," Longley said. "If they want to use that \$100, \$500, or \$1000 on the basis of going to the university of their choice, if for some reason they want to go to Bates or Bowdoin or Colby or Thomas, why shouldn't the student have some say in how he's going to use the money supposedly being used for his best interest?"

Sidney Farr, director of financial aid and career counseling at Colby College, was a member of an ad hoc advisory committee which worked with the Department of Education in developing the voucher program. The committee, Farr said, found that a voucher system was necessary in the state, and that the general financial needs of all the high school students in Maine were considered before the proposal was drawn up.

UMaine budget hearing

Students voice support

by Laura Stanko

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"We've suffered enough" was the symbolic cry of about 300 UMaine at Portland Gorham and a handful of UMO students to the 108th Legislature's Appropriation Committee at a Thursday morning hearing on the Super-U budget at the Augusta Civic Center.

The hearing was moved from the State House to the Civic Center due to the large number of students who attended the hearing. Many students later returned to the State House to lobby individually.

Becky Fisher, president of the University of Maine Student Governments (UMOSG), told the committee that the university seems to be the "whipping board of the state." She said the decision the legislature makes about funding will affect the university system beyond the next two years.

"Are we going to say the 108th Legislature abandoned the university or saved the university?" she asked the committee.

Fisher and other students testifying told the committee of the difficulties they were experiencing due to the budget reduction inflicted by last year's 107th Legislature. She said they include overcrowded classes, fewer services for more tuition, shorter library hours and threatened loss of accreditation in several areas including the UMO Business College and UMPG nursing program.

UMO Student Government President Dan O'Leary told the committee of the problems students were facing at UMO. He also said many students may not have attempted to reach legislators with their views due to frustration in not seeing they can do any good.

"I was dismayed when I saw how low the

trustees request was," O'Leary said, "but I was upset when I saw what the governor recommended."

O'Leary said it is not a question of whether the university should be funded, but at what level. "It is time for the legislature to make a commitment," he said.

Herb Adams, a UMPG student, said, "Those of us who can afford it are not getting what we are paying for." Adams cited last year's increased tuition and cutbacks in services offered to students. He told the committee of programs at UMPG that had increased in student enrollment but not in the number of faculty.

"Maybe we should save our harsh words for Governor Longley," Adams said, "but we have no other line to appeal to, except you. We cannot say it to him because he

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LOWDOWN

Friday, Feb. 4

7 p.m. Meeting of the Wilde-Stein Club in the International Lounge, Memorial Union.

7 & 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "African Queen" starring Katharine Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart, Nutting Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 5

Cross-country ski trip to Acadia National Park Carriage Trails. For details call the Student Activities Office, 581-7598.

7 & 9:30 p.m. MUAB movie "Rooster Cogburn" starring Katharine Hepburn and John Wayne, Nutting Hall.

8 p.m. Disco dance sponsored by the Wilde-Stein Club, MCA Center on college Avenue.

Sunday, Feb. 6

Snowshoe trip to Hirundo Wildlife Refuge (close to Orono). For details call the Student Activities Office, 581-7598.

7 & 8 p.m. "Future Space: A look at science fiction and science fact, beginning with the first space shots and ending with the distant future." UMO Planetarium, no admission charge.

Monday, Feb. 7

6:30 p.m. Meeting for people interested in working on the Women's Voice, in the Women's Center, basement of Fernald Hall.

6:30 p.m. Gamma Sigma Sigma 1977 Spring Rush begins with a punch party in Coe Lounge of the Memorial Union. Punch parties are also planned for Feb. 14 and 21. All UMO and BCC women invited.

7:30 p.m. "Deathzone" movie about mountain climbing in Nepal. Geoff Childs of Bar Harbor, and experienced climber planning a trip to Nepal this spring, will be present to answer questions. In the Dam Yankee, Memorial Union.

● Voucher scholarships proposed

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"The goal of the program is to strive to meet the unmet needs of students who wish to go on to higher education," Farr said. "There is a gap between the total cost for these students to attend school and the available resources. That gap has always been present, but we think that in Maine it is a significant amount. The purpose of the program is to close that gap a little."

Ross also feels that the program would make a post-secondary education accessible to more students and that the rewards of such a program would be far-reaching. "Only 40 per cent of all of Maine's high school graduates go on to complete their post-secondary education, Ross said. "If this program helps us increase that number by 10 per cent, the impact on the economy would be tremendous. The students would benefit from having greater earning power over the course of their lifetimes."

Although University of Maine Chancellor Patrick McCarthy declined to comment on what effect the voucher proposal may have on the University until he had read the printed legislation, he did indicate that he felt there was a better way to make post-secondary education accessible to more students.

"Access to higher education at the state level is most effectively pursued by building the present institution," he said. "The best use of our money would be to invest it in this way."

Mail destroyed in Corbett fire

A fire of undetermined origin caused \$100 worth of damage late Tuesday night in the Corbett Hall mailroom. The fire started in a mailbag and burned mail, shelves and Christmas decorations, police said.

UMO Fire Marshall Duane Braslett said smoke was spotted in the mailroom at approximately 10:27 p.m., by a student. Campus police arrived first and had the fire under control by the time the UMO Fire Department arrived. Three units from the Orono Fire Department were also dispatched to Corbett.

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"The indication is that a good deal of the students would want to go to private institutions," said Brooks Hamilton, professor of journalism at UMO and a member of AFUM's state coordinating committee. "Many students eligible for the program can't get into the university and that means we'll be supporting border-line institutions and we shouldn't be doing that with tax money."

The Associated Faculty of the University of Maine (AFUM), an affiliate of the Maine Teacher's Association, is opposed to the proposed voucher program. AFUM claims that the state's tax dollars will be

supporting private colleges if such a program is instituted and that the money should be used to strengthen the present university system.

John E. Madigan, director of student aid and chairman of the ad hoc committee which endorsed the proposal, feels that the program would not only benefit students already attending the University, but may offer indirect benefits to the University as well. Many UMO students who rely on the University for financial aid may now be eligible for vouchers, Madigan said, and the additional money would relieve the strain on the University's student aid program.

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by Elizabeth

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Sophomore sets new world record

by Elizabeth Butterfield

Remember the name -- Timothy Barrows Throckmorton. This UMO student holds the Guinness Book of World Records in coin snatching.

He performed his feat in front of a Channel 7 cameraman in the Stodder Hall cafeteria at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Coin snatching is: the greatest number of 25-cent-sized coins caught by the same hand after being flipped from a pile or piles balanced on the back of the forearm.

Throckmorton caught all 74 quarters (\$18.50) balanced on his forearm. They were in two 2-1/2 inch piles.

Gerry Berg of North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, previously held the record, snatching 65 coins on June 18, 1975.

Throckmorton didn't start practicing coin snatching until April, 1976. "It was during April vacation," he said, "I didn't have anything else to do -- it rained all week."



Tim Throckmorton is showing why he's the world's best coin snatcher. He snatched 74 quarters Tuesday in front of local television cameras. Here he warms up, grabbing a mere 37. [Photos by Russ McKnight]

He said that in his house he has even caught 82 quarters. He attributes his great skill to a "lack of studying."

Throckmorton did mention two problems with coin snatching. One is catching the coins and the other is being able to balance the coins so that one can catch them.

Throckmorton said he's really not satisfied with 74 coins. He said he's sure that others have beaten the old 65 coin record.

Throckmorton foresees a limit to coin snatching "of 100 coins with a normal person's hand."

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'We've done our fair share and more'

—James Page
Chairman of Board of Trustees

Well, yesterday was the day. Anybody who gave a damn about the future of this University was praying for it and regretting it at the same time. It was the day of public testimony before the 108th Maine State Legislature's Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

In other words, everybody polished up their speeches, journeyed to the Augusta Civic Center, and one by one, told the committee that we deserve a hell of a lot more money than Governor Longley wants to give us.

Sure, we went through the same scruffle last year and the year before at this time, but things are a bit different this time around. Before, austerity was a relatively new concept to us. Now, we are veterans of this war. And we can't help but come out better for it.

The goals are the same, but the strategy is different. Last year we were all down on our knees, fearful of a future with 10 per cent less state revenue to keep us going. But we lived through it, and the wounds are slowly healing, making the skin tougher.

WE'VE SUFFERED ENOUGH!

Now, we're a bit more confident, but we're still in trouble. The fact that dozens of men and women were forced to compile scores of facts and figures for this day of reckoning is evidence enough.

Everyone has their own perceptions of what the University of Maine is, but one thing is apparent: it is an institution which must constantly expand to meet the needs of its community. It's been said so many times before, but every year, we are asked to prove it all over again.

And unless we can convince the Appropriations Committee and the Governor that we are just updating last year's arguments, we can expect another day like this one in 1978.

So, please, ladies and gentlemen of the Appropriations Committee, Governor Longley: We bit the bullet. Unload the gun, and let's fight this financial war on the same side, for a change. Don't force the leaders of this university to rewrite their speeches every year. The figures may vary, but the same sentiments will still be present.

Commentary—Cindy Valente Live from UMaine...

... it's Saturday night

Walking to class has become quite a challenge these days. It's such a rude awakening to fall flat on your face first thing in the morning.

However, a mere fall on solid ice is not enough to discourage the determined UMO student from getting to where he or she is going.

Remembering the motto "give it the old college try," (besides you've already missed that class three times) you pick yourself up, totally embarrassed, but ready to keep going.

By now you realize that to accomplish this feat will take great concentration and careful planning. You inch along stiff legged, scanning ahead for patches of sand, wondering how some people can breeze along as if there was no ice on the ground. Perhaps it is all a conspiracy against you and while you were sleeping last night everyone went out and bought little spikes for their shoes.

On this thought you feel yourself start to lose footing; a moment of panic—no, not twice in one day—you fight to regain balance and yes... you win! You glance around smiling, wondering if anyone noticed your great save and are kind of relieved that nobody did.

Finally, destination is reached—North

Stevens. Only three steps separate you from safety. Three brutally slick steps with no railings. Well there is always the side door, but you're here now. Carefully, one step, two steps... then suddenly the greatest feeling of flight overtakes you. While in mid-air you attempt a couple of back somersaults and three Hail Mary's, which is the last thing you remember for about two days.

Now the question is, what can a student do in the event of a fall? For the pain or injuries there is little one can do except administer first aid. However, there are certain guidelines you can follow concerning embarrassing.

What to do if you fall down in a crowd: --Explain to the crowd that you are practicing for an audition to replace Chevy Chase on Saturday Night Live.

--Get up, laugh, tell the crowd you did it on purpose, then do it again.

--Yell at the person next to you for pushing you (thus transferring the embarrassment).

--Pretend you lost a contact lense (not recommended for people who wear glasses).

--Everyone on campus wear a paper bag over their head so no one will ever know who is falling down.

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Maine Campus forum on concerts...

Today we introduce a new editorial feature--Forum. This is an opportunity for you to express your opinion on questions of current interest.

Our first issue is the Student Government Concert Committee.

We are all aware of the problems the concert committee has faced in booking popular bands.

Poor ticket sales last semester caused the committee to overspend its budget. But the committee will be able to book concerts with the aid of various types of financial backers, if the committee can guarantee a high student interest in the band proposed for the engagement, according to Phil Spalding, concert committee chairperson.

Below is a list provided by Spalding of bands that the committee can book with sufficient student interest.

Place a check mark in the parentheses to the right of each group you would like to appear here at UMO. Then send this column to: Greg Thornton, Student Government Concert Committee, Memorial Union. If you use the campus mail, it won't cost you a penny.

This is your last chance to help the concert committee book the bands you want to hear. Spalding says.

"If we don't get a response we'll close up shop," he said.

South Side Johnny ()	Leo Sayer ()
Gil Scott Herron ()	Chuck Berry ()
Chick Corea ()	David Brenner ()
Richie Havens ()	David Bromberg ()
Procol Harum ()	James Gang ()
Renaissance ()	Loudon Wainwright ()
Rick Derringer ()	Herbie Hancock ()
Nils Lofgren ()	Jose Feliciano ()
Joe Cocker ()	Jose Kline ()
Jonathan Edwards ()	Don McLean ()
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Charlie Daniels ()	James Montgomery ()
Outlaws ()	Kool and the Gang ()
Albert King ()	Bonny Raitt ()
Esther Phillips ()	Asleep at the Wheel ()
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Robert Palmer ()	Orleans ()
POCO ()	Billie Preston ()
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Implication cleared

To the editor:

This letter is an effort to clear up some discrepancies resulting from an article entitled "Sigma Chi Contests Police Seizure," which appeared in the January 28, 1977 issue of the Maine Campus. In reading the article on is left with the impressions that, number one, there is an ongoing official investigation on the matter, and number two, Student Legal Services is involved in this investigation. We would like to refute both of these.

Last semester Terry Lombard and Mark Tremblay wrote an article for a journalism class which was intended to be a survey of all fraternal organizations on campus regarding their experiences with search and seizure policies of the UMO police. During their research Terry and Mark used the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated located here

in Student Legal Services' office. These books, as well as every other book in our office, are available for any UMO student's use, under-graduate or graduate.

This was the extent of Student Legal Services' participation, which leads to the second point of contention: At no point has there been an official case in this matter, nor is one anticipated in the future. Any inquiry into this matter has been of an entirely informal and unofficial nature.

Dan Bowie & Jim Haskell
Paralegals
Student Legal Services

Investigation refuted

To the editor:

I am writing this letter as President of Sigma Chi, in response to the January 28 article in the Maine Campus entitled "Sigma Chi Contests Police Seizure." Firstly, Sigma Chi has not contested any seizure made from this house. Last semester a group of brothers questioned the confiscation of a waterpipe taken by the University Police over the summer.

This, however, did not represent the word of the Fraternity as an organization. No legal case ever developed, and the whole matter was forgotten. Secondly, I would like to clear the implication that the pipe was property of the Fraternity itself.

I am disappointed in the irresponsibility of the reporters in not first checking with house officials for our actual position in the matter.

Sincerely
Claire E. Jordan

Peter Farnum



MAIL CALL

The Maine Campus will only consider for publication letters to the editor which are signed and include an address. Names will be withheld upon request. Letters should be limited to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit all letters for grammar and good taste.

Intention clarified

To the editor:

In regard to last Friday's publication of "Sigma Chi Contests Police Seizure", there are a few points which have to be mentioned to clarify the intent of the story, and to alleviate any problems which may have resulted.

The facts are that Sigma Chi is not contesting any police seizure, and there is no definite case, per

se, developing through the court process.

What actually happened is that Dan Bowie and Jim Haskell were investigating this particular incident on their own, and were in no way affiliated with Student Legal Services on this matter. Dan was working as a brother of Sigma Chi, and not as a paralegal, and Jim was working with Dan as a friend.

The intent of the story was to inform the students, university

officials, and the community of their rights pertaining to search and seizure. Sigma Chi was one case in point, and not the whole story.

We do stand by the story as accurate and factual, and we regret any inconvenience that Sigma Chi and Student Legal Services have faced as a result.

Sincerely,
Mark Tremblay &
Terry Lombard

Input needed

To the editor:

The Sisters of Gamma Sigma Sigma are once again sending out a call for Betty Crocker Coupons. These coupons are used to buy wheelchairs for handicapped children. Last year, two wheelchairs were purchased. A few years ago, because of the exceptionally large amount of coupons collected from the people of Maine, a wheelchair was sent to the Pine Tree Camp in Oakland.

We would like to thank every one who sent in coupons last year and we hope to have another successful campaign this year. Please send your coupons in today to: Claire E. Jordan, 306 Estabrook Hall.

Sincerely
Claire E. Jordan

Inventions a necessity

To the editor:

The commentary by Diane Whitmore on the value of scientific investigation is one of the best examples of specious nonsense the Maine Campus has printed this academic year! I fully concur that aerosol sprays, many food additives, nerve gas, and the like, should be abolished. They never significantly improved the quality of human life anyway. Ceasing all research is quite another matter, however.

First of all, it should be realized that the scientist is not a malevolent figure -- he is hired by industry to produce marketable products. Those who sell them, and those who rush out to buy the latest, must share some portion of

the "blame". Often dangerous products reach the market because of a lack of proper investigation of their effects. Tobacco was cultivated centuries before the FDA was created. Blaming researchers is far too simple.

Granted, the scientists and engineers of the world are human, and as such make mistakes. Those in other professions do likewise. Even the exalted leaders of our society make errors, only these are called wars. Journalists are fortunate; they can apologize on an inside page.

Miss Whitmore quotes Louis IV. Perhaps she would prefer the non-technological world of 1740.

If she did not first succumb to the pox (Jenner came along later), she might enjoy herself. If those of the time had been totally content, however, there would probably never have been an Industrial Revolution, or the creature comforts of our present society. Reckless devotion to "progress" at the expense of all else is folly, but so is casting aside the work of several centuries for a past that has already been discarded once.

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Commentary

Ron Brown

An afternoon with Figby McDougall

Walking down Main Street in Bangor not too long ago, I met Figby McDougall, an old high school classmate of mine. He was wearing a new Brooks Brothers suit and some expensive-looking shoes.

"Hello," he said to me. "I haven't seen you in a long time. You're a student up at UMO now?"

"Hello," I said, "you look good, Figby. I haven't seen you in a long time either. Yes, I go to Orono. By the way, what do you do now?"

"Oh, I work for the College Textbook Service."

"College Textbook Service?" I said. "I never heard of them."

"Really?" he said. "Well, I'm going to work now. If you want to come along and see what I do, you might find it interesting. Just promise you won't tell a soul about it. It's a secret, you know."

"A secret?" I said.

"Yes," he said. "Now come along. My car is parked over there."

"You drive a Jaguar?" I asked.

"Well, just since I started working for CTS."

"They must pay you well," I said.

He just smiled.

We drove to the outskirts of town and stopped in front of a dilapidated garage next to an old shack.

"Why are we stopping here?" I asked.

"You'll see," he replied.

He drove the Jaguar into the garage.

"Where are we going?" I demanded.

As soon as we drove into the garage the floor started going down. We were on a hydraulic lift. We descended two levels

and stopped in a giant parking garage. He parked and then we got out and Figby led me to an elevator. We got in and descended another three levels. When the door to the elevator opened, I couldn't believe my eyes. We were on a mezzanine above a cavernous room that was so large that it stretched off into the horizon. There were bookshelves everywhere--stacks and stacks of textbooks of every kind and description. Below us, there were giant workbenches where many people were at work cutting out pages, ripping covers off books, rebinding texts, and pasting on covers.

"The College Textbook Service," Figby explained, "controls the supply of textbooks in every university in the English-speaking world. Our basic task is to publish a new edition of every text every semester. In this way, the text students pay \$19.95 for in September has a cash value of 10 cents when they go to sell it in December."

"Well, Figby," I said, "this must be a monumental task."

"Oh, not really," he said. "Actually, all we do is paste on a new cover, rearrange some chapters, add a photo here and there, change some dates, and up the price \$5."

"But don't the book buyers realize how they're being taken advantage of?" I objected.

"No, that's the beauty of it," Figby explained. "We get a new group of suckers, er, uh, I mean students every four years."

"Actually, though," Figby said, "the price of textbooks has been going down."

"You're kidding, of course," I said.

"No, no, it's true. It's 'matching sets'. It's a trick we learned from the auto industry. It's also called the 'Catch-22' gimmick of the 'optional necessity' clause. It works this way: the price of the average textbook is only \$6.95, real bargain basement, but here's the zinger: In order to make any sense out of the text, you need the study guide at \$7.95 and you're also required to buy the workbook for \$5.95 and two supplemental paperback texts at \$3.95 each. Actual final cost: \$28.75. That's not bad for a \$6.95 text, huh?"

"I'm impressed," I said.

"Maybe the amount of money spent on books has gone up," Figby conceded, "but one thing's for sure: they're consistent in quality. You still can't figure them out. I can tell you right now, all the math books are ghost-authored. You know the guy who writes the set of directions for putting together unassembled toys? He does all the math books. The others are authored by real people, but the publishers give them explicit directions: confuse. They tell them to make it as unintelligible as possible. Anybody can write to be understood; it takes a true scholar to make simple concepts sound complicated. The watchword is: if you can use five sentences where one will do, then do it. More pages mean bigger books and heftier prices."

"I want to show you something," Figby said, "come into my office for a minute."

"Actually, we don't come out with a new edition every semester. We give the students 10 cents for their \$20 texts, change the date of the copyright, and send the books to a different geographical

location. Every two years the texts on the East and West Coasts of the U.S. flip-flop. Harvard books go to Stanford and vice-versa. UMO books go to the University of California at Berkeley and theirs come here."

Figby pushed a button on his desk and the wall slid away to reveal a huge electronic world map that would have made the people in the NATO war room blush. "As you can see," he said, "we have economics books moving from Ireland to the United Kingdom, forestry textbooks moving from Vancouver to Michigan, and engineering texts going to Virginia from Florida."

"After the books are twenty years old, we send them to high schools. Do you ever remember a high school text that had a copyright more recent than 1956? Of course not. In the life sciences and physical sciences what's 20 years? An atom's an atom. But in history! The books always end with Lyndon Johnson being sworn in. High school students think that history ended in 1964!"

"Well Figby," I said. "You certainly have quite a deal here."

"Actually," he said, "the company that owns us has the best deal. We just make the kids stand in long lines and pay \$20 for boring books. Our parent company has the kids stand in long lines, pay \$20, and they make the kids do it on weekends at 7 a.m."

"Oh, what company is that?" I asked.

"I don't know if you've ever heard of them," he said. "They're called the Educational Testing Service."

Augusta report**Officials cite austerity, seek full budget request**

by Laura Stanko

"We cannot spend the next ten years on the end of a string. You must give us our mission," Robert Masterson, a University of Maine trustee told the Appropriations Committee of the 108th Legislature at the university's budget hearing Thursday.

The University of Maine Board of Trustees is requesting a \$74.2 million dollar budget for Part I of the Education and General budget, while Governor Longley is recommending \$68.5 million for the 1977-79 biennium. This does not include \$122.136 recommended for TRIGOM (The Research Institute of the Gulf of Maine). For the 1975-77 biennium, UMaine received \$68.6 million in this area, including TRIGOM.

With this money, the university hopes to provide faculty, professional and classified staff with compensation adjustments to offset the effects of inflation, to provide recognition for merit and to provide for the continuance of operations and services at the current level.

In Part II of the Education and General budget request, the university is requesting \$2,211,000 for development and increased services in the areas of health education, library improvements and faculty development. Longley made no recommendation for this area.

The capital construction budget of the university was not discussed at the hearing yesterday but will be at a future date.

"The university has weathered a year of sharp austerity and continued inflation," James H. Page, Board of Trustees chairman, told the committee, "and we have still managed to close our books for Fiscal 76 in the black."

"We couldn't have come out in the black without the cooperation and sacrifice of our students, faculty and staff," he said. "We've done our fair share and more."

Page told the committee that their colleagues on the Performance Audit Committee have found the university operations to be sound. He quoted from the committee's report, "The University of Maine can withstand no further budget reductions...the University of Maine should receive increased funding for the upcoming biennium."

Masterson, chairman of the trustee's finance committee, told the committee there is little waste in the university. He said buildings are overused and students are tripled in dorms. The budget is operating on less real dollars than three years ago, the university is educating more people for less money and the enrollment has been frozen, Masterson said.

He also told the committee that "only six-tenth of one per cent of the budget is for the chancellor's office." It costs "peanuts" to run the chancellor's office, Masterson said.

Chancellor Patrick McCarthy said, "We've reached a point where the university now pays about one-third of our total costs, while the state pays about two-thirds. We want to maintain this fair share—one third-two third—for tuition and fees versus state support, but in order to do so we need the funds requested in our original budget submission."

"The Governor has included \$68.5 million, a figure that provides fewer dollars over the next two years than the University received for general education in the present two-year period," the chancellor said. "In the second year," he said, "under this budget the university would receive less money than it got three years ago."

"It is simply not possible to maintain quality and access under these circumstances," McCarthy said.

"In the last two years, the states of this nation increased their support to public higher education by an average of 24 per cent. In every state, except one, there was an increase. In one state there was a decrease," he said, "the state of Maine."

McCarthy said that when the states are ranked in terms of their per capita contribution to public higher education, Maine is 49th. He said when these figures are adjusted for each \$1,000 of income, "a measure of how well you do, poor or rich—Maine is 45th out of 50."

"These statistics tell what has happened in the past, but what of the future?" the chancellor asked.

Others who testified on behalf of the university included representatives from the faculty, the Maine Teachers Association, the classified employees, students and other administrative members. No one testified against the University's request at the hearing yesterday.

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will not listen. Even if he was sitting here, he still wouldn't listen."

Tom Cloutier, UMPG student government president also directed much criticism to Gov. Longley. "There is not enough heat in our radiators," he said, "but there is more than enough heat from the governor."

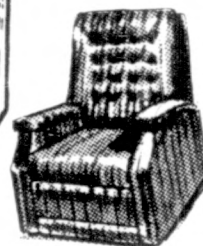
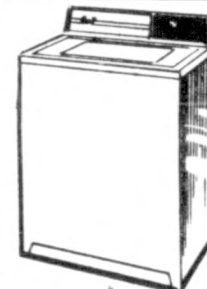
"Our budget request is not outrageous, we just want a fair share," Cloutier said.

Eleven 2-year faculty at UMPG have received termination notices and 11 one-year faculty are expected to receive notices next month due to a possible budget deficit of \$200,000 for 1976-77 and a \$400,000 deficit for 1977-78.

Over 300 students from UMPG attended the hearing wearing "We've suffered enough!" buttons. Orono student government sent about 10 students to the hearing.

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SPORTS

Swimmers to host rival UConn

by Brian Seaward

Women hoopsters dunk UMPI

104-46

by Karen LaCasse

Actually, it was no contest. UMO had then from the start. Just as they have done to every other in-state team, UMO beat the UMPI with a score of 104-46 Wednesday night.

Renea Deighton led all scorers with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Lottie Linder had 15 points, Susie Sharrow had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and Denise Blais had 12 points. Barb Cummings and Cheryl Higgins shot 11 points apiece.

"Everyone developed their shooting averages quite a bit," said Maine's Coach Eileen Fox. "The majority of the starters didn't play much, so everyone had a chance to play."

Things may change this Saturday, however, as the team challenges a powerful University of Rhode Island squad at 12:30 p.m. in the Memorial Gymnasium.

"URI should be a true test for us, as they beat us twice last year. But we're stronger this year and have the home court advantage," Coach Fox added.

The UMO men's swim team defends its Yankee Conference Swimming title against New England rival University of Connecticut at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 5, at the Stanley Wallace Pool.

The Black Bear mermen have been looking forward to this meet since the beginning of the season, and with strong depth from the freshmen and improved times of the veterans, the team looks ready.

Coach Alan Switzer is excited about the meet and said he hopes for a good UMaine performance. Many pool and school records should be broken, Switzer said.

"In previous years, with some events we really could not get any more than a third place. This year I don't see any event where we can't at least take a second," Switzer said.

He added that the freestyle, backstroke, individual medley, diving and breaststroke events are very strong but put the butterfly event at a question mark.

"We plan to swim a strong line-up from the medley relay on," Switzer said. "The depth factor is significantly stronger this year than it has been in the past, which hopefully will tip the scales in our favor."

Additional seating has been added to the pool deck to accommodate the anticipated larger crowds.

Diving won't be a decisive event, diving coach Rich Miller said. UMO has the two top ranked divers in New England, in Roy Warren and Rolf Olsen.

Diving coach Rich Miller said, "Doxsey is the best diver UConn has, but last year at the New England's both Roy and Rolf beat him."

As far as the competition between Warren and Olsen, Miller says it doesn't matter who wins.

"I think spectators will see better scores, more refinement on their entries, and more confidence on the boards," Miller said.

Warren will attempt his newest dive, a three and one-half somersault off the three

meter board. Miller said that he has the tops and spin of this dive but he needs more consistency.

UConn, some say, may be tired from meets this week with Springfield College and Bowdoin College.

The UConn depth will come from Rick Lewis, freestyle; Tomglass, backstroke; Neil Takacs, freestyle; Steve Doxsey, Diving; Gary Beale, butterfly; and Tim Edwards, breaststroke.

Captain Jim Farragher feels optimistic of the team's ability to beat UConn.

"This is our best opportunity to avenge our loss two years ago when UConn outscored us in the last relay," Farragher said.

Senior Roy Warren said, "It would be nice after these last three years to beat UConn. Of all the meets scheduled, this is the meet I'd like to win the most."

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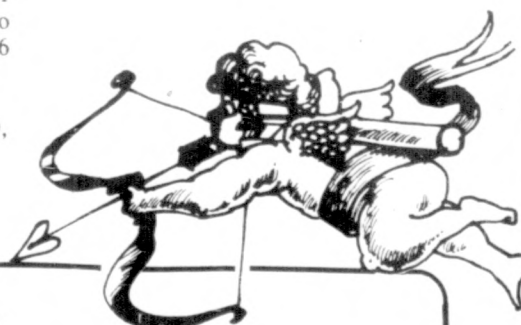
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Wrestlers split matches in tri-meet

by Bob Granger

UMO's wrestling team rallied over Boston State College 33-20, but were crushed by New England's 4th ranked Southern Connecticut 43-3 in a tri-school meet at Boston State Wednesday.

In the Boston State match, Black Bear captain Brian Mulligan pinned his opponent, Carlis Sharpe, in the 167-pound class, 1:45 into the first period and Pat Daigle won by decision over Boston's Don Sardo, 11-3.

Black Bears Tom Page, Mike Sirois, and Larry Whiteley added to Maine's cause, all

winning their matches by forfeit.

Boston State scored as Cornell Heitman (126) pinned Maine's John Devin with one second remaining in the second period and Al Donovan (158) won by fall over UMO's Eric Hill, also in the second period.

John Lopresti (177) and Cass Washington (142) built up Boston state's score, as they won by decision over Maine's Mike Watson and Jim Kiser, 7-1 and 18-5, respectively.

But Maine's Mark Cullenburg clinched the match by pinning Boston's John Boyle in the heavyweight division.

Cullenburg normally wrestles in the 190-pound class but wrestled in the heavyweight division in place of injured teammate Steve Rockhill, who did not enter the competition.

It was a dismal story as Maine entered the second meet against Southern Connecticut.

Pat Daigle, the only Black Bear to win a match, did so by defeating Tom Peralli, 11-8.

Southern Connecticut poured on the points as Jim Pike, Paul Adams, and Kevin Neely all won by decision over Maine's Tom Page, Mike Sirois, and Mike Watson, 18-8, 8-5, and 7-2, respectively.

UMO's John Devin, Eric Hill, Larry Whiteley and Mark Cullenburg all lost their matches by fall.

Southern Connecticut topped off its score

as David Kline pinned Maine's Jim Kiser 6 minutes into the match and Carl Fuches beat Brian Mulligan 5-3.

Wednesday's match pushed Maine's season record to 4 - 2.

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Trackmen dominate Colby; Roddin and Collette win again

by Steve Vaitones

The UMO men's track team posted their fifth win in as many tries Wednesday night, outscoring Colby 99-19.

Many races looked like UMO intersquad races as the locals swept six events. Colby managed only two firsts, two seconds and three thirds in the entire meet.

Despite the lack of competition from Colby in most events Maine had several fine performances. Steve Rines led off with a powerful 54' 11 1/4" throw of the 35 lb. weight, more than two feet further than he has ever thrown.

Even the events that were swept were close. Ed Gott led the 600 in 1:15.7 with the second and third place finishers within a second. Mike Roddin made it five straight wins in the mile, with a 4:16.4, and Paul Collette also remains five for five with a 60

yd. hurdle win (7.9). Others leading shutouts were Pete Cumpstone (high jump - 6' 4 1/4"), Tom Stephenson (60 - 6.6), and Phil Garland (two mile - 9:28.9).

Al Sherrerd, in the shot put, the mile relay (Steve Moyer, Kevin Dyer, Ed Gott, Nick Tupper), and the two mile relay (Jeff Slagle, Sam Hamilton, Myron Whipkey, and Steve Dexter) also gained their fifth consecutive victories. Rounding out individual winners were Mike Tjaden in the long jump and Myron Whipkey in the 1000.

Many of the team members said they would rather meet some top quality competition that would give a little more incentive. They'll get their wish a week from Sunday, when the squad travels to Connecticut to meet a pair of formidable opponents, UConn and URI.

Morse, Dumas star for Maine in alpine ski series

by Brook Merrow

UMO skiers Mike Morse and Peter Dumas took third place in slalom races Monday as UMO competed in the last two races of the State of Maine College Alpine Series at Colby College.

Overall winner of the eight race series involving UMO, University of Maine at Farmington, Bates and Colby was UMF's Matt Waddle, who placed first in both races Monday. Waddle, who accumulated 88 points, is noted for placing second out of an international field of 80 races in the Can-Am downhill held at Sugarloaf in January.

In the first slalom, Morse, a freshman, led UMO finishers with a time of 31.9 seconds, one-tenth of a second off the second place finish of Colby's Rick Tonge and four-tenths off first place.

UMO's Peter Judkins and Peter Joseph were fourth and fifth in that race.

Top UMO performance in the second race was Dumas' third place run of 31.2 seconds.

UMF's Scott Hoisington was the series

leader after six races, but a tenth place in Monday's first race dropped him down to third place in the final standings.



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